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Rev. Geo. B. Beckwith

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Rev. A. A. Phelps.

My dear Brother, As a member of the  
First Anti-Slavery Convention in London, 1843, we should  
be specially pleased with a full expression of your views  
in answer to the three questions put at the close of the  
Younging Circ. It is important that the cause of Peace ought  
before the public, especially as a desperate effort has been  
making this year by a few radical spirits to Garrison-  
ize our cause, & to true on the instincts of the good, that  
he heard public indication of their new course & spirit  
brought to our office the very next morning W. L. Garrison,  
J. J. Foster, & Chas. K. Whipple, the trio of out- & out  
radicalism, to give our Socy, 'now that we had got, or  
were coming night'!!!

The men who have made the Peace League what it is, deserve  
quite time to let the world know distinctly & fully, what  
this cause is, & how it is to be managed; & as the London Con-  
vention but be respected even by the radicals, as a good  
& tolerable model, we would like your testimony as a  
member of that Conv<sup>n</sup>. These men are for excluding all but  
those whom they call "true-blues!"

Be so good as to write Mrs. Pillsbury, & oblige, besides  
others, Yrs very truly, Geo. A. D. Runtz.



# CIRCULAR.

DEEMING the cause of Peace highly important to the best interests of mankind, believing it to have peculiar claims upon the followers of the Prince of Peace, and wishing to enlist them more extensively in its behalf, we respectfully ask your special attention to the subject, and your assistance in obtaining the efficient co-operation of the Christian community.

It seems to us that the cause of Peace has never received the attention it deserves; and we think it high time to inquire into the reason of such neglect, and to take effectual measures for securing the support it needs. This support must come from the disciples of Christ; and the cause should and may, we believe, be brought before them in such a way as to insure their cheerful and effective co-operation. The American Peace Society, organized under their auspices, and sustained mainly by their prayers and contributions, is now their organ in this work; but too few of them attend its annual or other meetings to understand well its general operations, or to appreciate fully its claims upon the Christian community. No Christian can doubt the excellence of the cause itself; and, as the American Peace Society is in the hands of Christians to be managed at their pleasure, they can easily put it right, if it is not so now, and thus bring it before the community in a way to command general confidence and support.

For this purpose, the undersigned, mostly members of the Am. Peace Society, invite you to attend its next Anniversary in Boston, Monday evening, May 25, 1846, that men enjoying the confidence of the Christian community, may make arrangements to confer together the next day, and take such measures as they shall deem expedient in order to put the cause of Peace aright before the public, and give it the direction and impulse requisite for its full success.

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POSTSCRIPT.—We send this Circular only to members of the American Peace Society, and a few others friendly to the cause of Peace, whose views we wish to ascertain, as indices of the feelings of wise and good men in general on the subject. We earnestly hope you will come to the proposed meeting; but, if there is any doubt of this, we trust you will not fail, at your earliest convenience, to give, in a letter to the undersigned, your views on the following questions, supposed to embrace the main points of difficulty:—

1. Do you think the Peace Society should be restricted to the single object of abolishing the custom of international war by the introduction of Christian substitutes?
2. Ought special care to be taken to guard the cause of Peace against being blended or confounded with technical non-resistance, or anti-government, with the abolition of capital punishment, or any other extraneous topics?
3. Ought the Society, in your judgment, to invite the aid of all that desire the abolition of war, and so to conduct its operations that such persons, whatever their views respecting wars strictly defensive, can consistently co-operate for our common object?

We send herewith two of our stereotyped tracts, showing the course uniformly pursued by our Society with the approbation of nearly all our co-workers, except the few who wish to exclude from our platform the moderate friends of Peace. Our sole aim is to bring this great evangelical enterprise before the Christian community in the way most likely to insure support and success; and whatever you can communicate that may be of use for this purpose, will be gladly received, on behalf of my associates, by

Yours respectfully,

LYMAN GILBERT,  
Pastor Cong. Church, West Newton.

West Newton, Mass. April, 1846.